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Director of Training and Education

SUBJECT:

Symposium/Conference on Proper Congressional

Oversight of CIA Activities

Dave

1. Any merit in this idea?

2. We need some kind of symposium or conference on what constitutes proper Congressional oversight of CIA activities. What I have in mind is getting some principals from the Hill and the Agency, in addition to some staffers have a one-day conference on this subject. This is the kind of thing we might ask Harvard to help us with, although we can probably do it ourselves. For instance, session with historical view of evolution and development of oversight, problems with oversight, when is oversight micromanagement, what is the distinction between management and oversight, examples of what we consider to be obtrusive oversight. The general purpose is to open up a dialogue and try to move towards a better understanding and basically towards an understanding that is more clearly in line with the Agency understanding.

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